

United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Armed Robberies on the Corniche in Dakar

November 4, 2015

The U.S. Embassy wants U.S. citizens to be aware of an armed robbery that took place along the Corniche near the Ouakam Mosque on November 1, at about 8 p.m. when a contract employee working at the U.S. Embassy was walking there with a friend. The victim was injured in the attack and the resulting machete injuries required medical treatment. Two similar incidents took place just north of the Radisson Blu Hotel and another one took place in the Fenetre Mermoz/Ouakam area. Both of these areas are currently overgrown with shrubbery and allow attackers to easily flee to the beach area. The previous three robberies were all perpetrated by males brandishing edged weapons or machetes who threatened the use of force.

Embassy Dakar continues to recommend that individuals avoid the Corniche during hours of darkness and that during the day they walk along the side of Corniche that is away from the beach (east side). In the past, perpetrators have used the beach access points as routes of access and escape to and from the Corniche. We urge you to maintain a high level of personal awareness when walking in this area.

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